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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street NW Room 844 Washington DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt,

As Director of Management Information Services for Multnomah Education Service District and a parent I would like to thank you for your excellent efforts in support of K-12 education and affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

One of the major efforts of this ESD and our School District partners is the delivery of wide area networking and Internet services to the students in our County. With limited resources we have been able to provide 56kb connections to every school but as connections are made into every classroom and teachers begin to incorporate this technology tool into their daily instructional programs the 56kb circuit speed prohibits effective use. A copy of our network graphic is enclosed.

Funding problems for K-12 schools in Oregon mean that our School Districts are having to make difficult choices such as trying to maintain programs like music or purchase additional bandwidth for effective use of the Information Superhighway. These choices are not easy but are being done by every School District we serve. The proposed deep discounts for telecommunications services will mean that instructional program cuts won't be necessary to provide expanded bandwidth.

I urge you to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

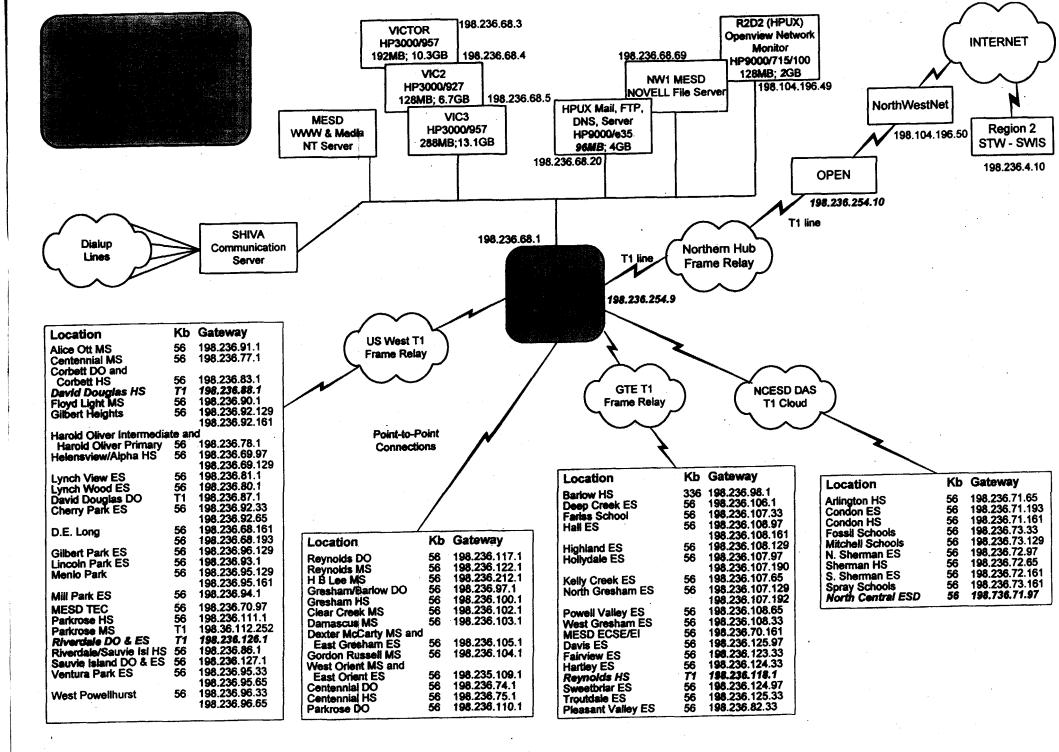
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 814 Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

As superintendent of an elementary school district south of Chicago, I have been trying to provide adequate and appropriate hardware for all students in the district. Students need to have access to stimulating software which supports their curriculum and to the emerging information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will enable our district to continue to provide hardware to students at all levels. The continuing evolution of technology is a challenge and requires careful cost analysis. With deep discounts we can expand our purchases.

The students of Homewood need your support for this recommended discount approach.

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Sincerely,

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